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RANCHO CORDOVA MAN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JESSIE LACROIX, 23, of Rancho Cordova was sentenced today by United States District Judge John A. Mendez to 70 months in federal prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to possession of matters containing depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on April 15, 2008.

This case is the product of an extensive, joint investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Phil Ferrari, who prosecuted the case, Judge Mendez, in sentencing the defendant, emphasized the fact that possession of child pornography is not a victimless crime, and said he had read letters submitted by and on behalf of children whose images were included in the defendant's collection. That collection, which included 36 photographs and four movies depicting child pornography, qualified the defendant for a 10 year sentence under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. In refusing the defendant's request for leniency, Judge Mendez said, "You may think that you are a victim, but you are not." Instead, he noted that the defendant had viewed and retained child pornography on multiple occasions.

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